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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Expression of Interest –WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Mrs. Dortch:

Eagle Communications Inc. (“Eagle”) does hereby respectfully submit an expression of interest in response to the invitation of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) in its January 31, 2014, Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative (“Order”) in the above referenced dockets.

Background

“Shovel Ready” and digging since 1946, Eagle has a long history of Partnership in successful efforts to Revitalize the Economic climate here in Rural Kansas. We have worked with many levels of Economic strata in these communities including Cities, Schools, Hospitals, Main Street Businesses, home based Businesses, and individual residents in facing their challenges to compete in the 21st century. Folks here in Rural America face the same challenges that Urban American residents do in competing for goods and services but access to Affordable broadband services has not been at the level of Urban America. Eagle brings to these communities the premise that if Broadband wasn’t Affordable then it wasn’t truly Accessible.

Along with Dedicated Fiber, Shared Fiber and Coaxial Cable Internet in town, we at Eagle have also partnered with Rural Farmers COOP type business to offer Broadband via Commercial grade Wireless to our most Rural areas which, though having had phone service for over 50 years, had not seen the deployment of stand-alone affordable Broadband.

With Eagle’s partnership and drive to deliver Broadband Services to the residents of Rural Kansas, these communities have made much progress in the Economic and quality of life struggles there are holes in these efforts that communities can fall through. Ours and their efforts to grow their economic output of Jobs, products and services here in Rural America while retaining the quality of life these Rural Communities are founded upon depend on finding and filling these holes in the coming years.

Eagle Communications has been serving Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska with communication solutions for over 50 years. During this time we have seen, and the census has shown, a significant decline in population over that same period. Children continue to leave these rural areas though fewer and fewer return. Schools are being consolidated and other significant

measures are taking place in order to survive in this environment. From a broadband standpoint, adoption rates have lagged behind national rates over the last 10 years. There are two main reasons for this; one being the lack of affordable broadband and the second being the lack of flexible enough technology to meet the needs of both the dominate older demographic of people and the aggressive younger generation, determined to live and work in these rural areas. Many Rural Kansas residents have seen Millions of dollars of fiber buried in the ground to places already served by Competitive broadband yet are still underserved in the rural community in which they live. Also they are burdened with outdated market and subsidy rules which result in their having to pay for Landline phone service in order to buy DSL or ADSL service from the incumbent Telco. The combination of those two service costs can make Broadband Unaffordable to many. Others simply want to have more Broadband speed and are willing to devote their dollars to have it, but simply chafe at paying for Landline phone service they no longer need or want.

Eagle recently acquired 28 cable systems in Nebraska as well as one in Colorado. We will utilize our industry experience to evolve those systems and networks to meet the future of broadband needs. We will also seek partners and opportunities to extend the reach of our network and will consider opportunities that fit the goals of the CAF experiment.

Scope of Proposed Experiment

Though the scope may vary depending on the area or areas targeted, Eagle will build and lease Fiber transport as needed to interconnect to the existing Eagle Network. From there we will have several options where we can drop in a fiber driven node and build FTTx or HFC plant to connect a area like an unincorporated town or a development cluster within a couple miles of town. We can also connect that transport fiber to new WiMAX wireless network to build in and around our existing footprint where there are gaps in Broadband coverage. This network will provide affordable, reliable broadband service today, and be scalable for future growth and technologies. The wireless deployment will consist of Cambium PMP36320 WiMAX BTS 3.65 GHz and Cambium PMP450 AP Access Points and Subscriber modules pointing to multi point grid with multi tower access points connected by fiber. The fiber connecting these access points can and will serve as a Metro-Ethernet based fiber ring. The fiber ring is strategically placed within the community to provide easy access to local government, school district, and commercial business facilities. This build out plan is a proven performer in and around small cities like we serve and Eagle has staff and resources with experience in building, installing and maintaining this technology.

Eagle will also Partner with Big River Telephone, our existing dial-tone provider, to offer SIP based VOIP home and small business phone service to those whom would choose to do so though the primary thrust of the program is to deliver robust, High speed data services at an affordable a la carte price.

Eagle currently works with existing CMRS vendors, including backhaul fiber through many rural areas to serve macro cell sites of CMRS and will continue to do so in the future. While CMRS and LTE / 4G networks offer great promise to the vast spaces of Rural Kansas, small cell deployment of Wireless Broadband data services, provides great economy for high data users and the flexibility that small business in the remaining population centers demands. With this proposal, Eagle seeks to meet that need.

Eagle is also very interested in partnering with other broadband providers, large companies, utility providers, rural Coops, and other groups as interest in our build out grows.

The Services That Would be Made Available by the Experiment

In this experiment, Eagle services would range from residential broadband service to farms, small businesses and residences over the distributed antenna system at speeds up to approximately 15 Mbps down by 2 Mbps up for approximately \$40-\$90 per month to gigabit fiber connectivity. The Eagle-provided service would include voice services from our Partner, Big River Telephone.

Estimated Project Costs and the Request for CAF Funding

Depending on the final goals and rules of the order Eagle believe we can build a sustainable broadband network with modest capital startup costs and minimum to no ongoing financial support. Eagle and its partners would participate in the startup costs to show our commitment toward the sustainability of the project and our commitment to rural Kansas and Nebraska. Eagle intends to have conversations with local governments, as well as educational institutions, after filing this expression of interest. Eagle will work with them to identify ways in which the proposed experiments can be deployed more expeditiously, effectively, and efficiently with the assistance and cooperation of these governments and institutions. Eagle would plan to address the results of these discussions more fully in their formal proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Travis Kohlrus', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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